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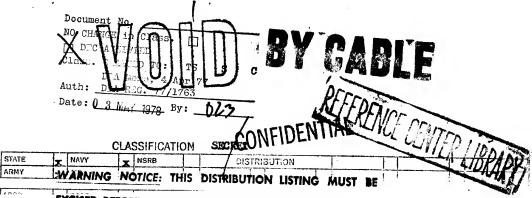
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1. L. V. Almazov, Soviet Trade Representative in Mukden, will be withdrawn at an early date. The exact reason for this action is not known, although it is My believed that the Soviet Government is not satisfied with Almazov's performance of duty as unofficial leader of the Soviet community in Mukden.

2. Almazow's disregard of the fact that a large part of the Soviet community is on the verge of starvation has caused an almost open rebellion. Believing that they will all be deported to Russia as prisoners if the Chinese Communists occupy Mukden, a vast majority of the community are making every effort to leave Mukden before such an event occurs.

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